

CORE VALUE FOR JUNE: PERSEVERANCE

It is not always easy to do things and some of the most worthwhile things take a lot of effort. Sometimes when things don't work out as easy as we would wish we are tempted to just give up. But often we quit just before we would succeed if we just kept trying a little longer. Perseverance means to keep on trying when the going gets tough. It means to have the determination to finish what you believe in, even though it takes a lot of time. Sometimes it means getting some help or finding a new way of tackling a job. Other times it may mean just keeping on keeping on.

Here are three examples of people who persevered in spite of difficulties:

JK Rowling: JK Rowling is the woman who wrote the Harry Potter stories. Her books have become best sellers. They have been made into a series of very popular movies and made her rich.

She wanted to become a writer, but after she graduated from college, she got married and had a baby. Within a short time she was divorced. She had to take care of her little girl by herself, and somehow earn a living. She got a job that didn't pay a lot, but took up a lot of her time. She was very poor, just scraping by. In her spare time she pursued her dream by writing the first Harry Potter book. It took her a long time, but she finally finished it. Then she tried to get it published. She took it to 12 different publishers, but none of them believed her book could be successful. Finally she found a company that was willing to take a chance on her book – the 13th publisher she tried. She and the publisher have both made a lot of money from her Harry Potter books and people all over the world love the stories and movies.

Thomas Edison: Thomas Edison was an American inventor, scientist, and businessman who developed many things that greatly influenced life around the world, including the phonograph, the motion picture camera, and a long-lasting, practical electric light bulb. Edison is the third most prolific inventor in history, holding 1,093 US patents in his name, as well as many patents in the United Kingdom, France, and Germany.

When he was a child his school teacher thought he was “addled,” because he didn't pay attention in school and was a very poor student. When his mother found out, she pulled him out of the school and home taught him. He only had 3 months of formal education. In addition he became very hard of hearing.

Jessica Cox: Jessica Cox was born without any arms. It was hard for her to do things, but the hardest part for her was feeling different from other people. Nevertheless, she tried to do all the things that normal girls would do. She did gymnastics, sang and danced, and was on many programs. She learned to do many things with her feet, including typing, driving a car, putting gas in her car, fixing her own hair, putting on makeup, and even putting on her own contact lenses. She is now 26 and is a licensed airplane pilot, a popular speaker, and a children's guide for the International Network of Children Amputees.

JUST ONX KXY

Xvxn though this kxyboard is old, it works quitx wxll - xxcpt for onx kxy. I havx had to substitutx an "X" for it. It's just onx kxy, prxtty insignificant by itsxlf, and thxrx arx many othxr kxys that function wxll xnough.

Somxtimxs it sxxms that our Cub Scout Committxx is somxwhat likx my kxyboard; not all of thx kxys arx working proprly. A fxw pxoplx hardly xvvr work. Thxy say to thxmsxlvs, "I'm only onx pxrson I don't rxally makx a diffxrxncx." But for our Cub Scout Committxx to bx xffctivx, it rxquirxs thx activx participation of xvvrbody in xvvr position. This program builds charactxr in boys. That makxs us all vital.

So if you xvvr think you arx only onx pxrson and that your xffort is not nxxdxd, rxmxxmbr my kxyboard and say to yoursxlf, "I am a kxy pxrson hxlping to build our futurx; my contributions arx important. Thxrx arx boys who may losx part of thx Scouting program without mx."

HOW HIGH IS YOUR CUB SCOUTING TRIP IQ?

The tour permit has changed as of March 1, 2011. Test your knowledge of the new tour requirements by answering true or false to each question below:

- _____ 1. The Tour Plan is a checklist for best practices to be prepared for safe and fun adventures.
- _____ 2. BSA has certain driver qualifications, including insurance requirements for drivers and vehicles used to transport Cub Scouts.
- _____ 3. You must submit a Tour Plan for review by council for every den or pack activity.
- _____ 4. If the trip will not be outside of the Great Salt Lake Council, there is no reason to complete a Tour Plan.
- _____ 5. The Tour Plan, if required, must be submitted to the Regional Scouting organization at least 21 days before the event.
- _____ 6. Two deep leadership is nice, but not really needed for a tour.
- _____ 7. Hazardous weather training is now required for all tours.
- _____ 8. The Tour Plan must be submitted for council approval if you are taking the boys to one of the council sponsored camps at Tracy.
- _____ 9. Tour Plans can be completed and printed on line.
- _____ 10. No parent permission slip is needed if you file a Tour Plan.

ANSWERS:

1. True. If followed it will help keep everyone safe and avoid liability for you.
2. True. It has many rules regarding both the driver and the vehicle. See Tour Plan Worksheet for details.
3. False. See Flow Chart for when you must turn one in.
4. False. It is a good idea to make a plan, even though you don't need to submit it to anyone, as it will show you if you are doing things right or not.
5. False. Turn it in to Council, not Regional. This is a change. Also the old rule was only 14 days before, now it is 21.
6. False. Always have 2 deep leadership for any outing.
7. True. And you must renew your training in this area every 2 years.
8. False. You do not need a tour plan to go to Tracy (it is within our council and it is sponsored and approved by council, even though some activities offered there might require a tour plan otherwise.).
9. True. See the link below.
10. False. Have the parents fill out an approval form for any activity to save yourself from liability in case something goes wrong.

SCORING: Give yourself 10 points for each correct answer.

- 90 – 100 Good job! You are prepared to have a great fun and safe activity.
60 – 80 A little knowledge is a dangerous thing. See below to learn more.
0 – 40 OOPS! Don't do a thing until you check out the new requirements.

Bone up *at* www.gslc-bsa.org. Look under “**Forms and Materials**” in the side bar and click on “**Tour Plans**.”

Also click on the link for the new “**Activity Consent Form and Approval by Parents or Legal Guardian**,” or go to <http://www.scouting.org/filestore/pdf/19-673.pdf>.

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A SCOUTER'S THOUGHTS

By Carol Lord

- I was a Cub Scout Leader for 7 years and should have been awarded a medal for life saving. I didn't strangle any of the boys.
- A Cub Scout stands proudly in his uniform with a piece of his shirttail hanging out and only one side of his collar over his neckerchief.
- Be extra nice to the obnoxious, mischievous boy in your pack. He will probably grow up to be your church leader.
- A Webelos Scout hates stopping an activity, losing, and going to bed. He loves pizza, learning new things, going new places and corny jokes.
- A Cub Scout thinks it's okay to rough around in your house, even though he wouldn't do it at home. He thinks you're nicer than his parents.
- A Cub Scout with a smudge on his face, a tear in almost new pants and a pocket full of junk has the ability to melt your heart with his big toothy grin.
- A Webelos Scout pretends to be cool and aloof, but loves to be praised and may even tolerate a hug - - - from his mom.
- A Webelos Scout is a tough guy who endures scrapes, cuts and bruises without so much as a whimper, but may cry like a baby if his feelings are hurt.
- A Cub Scout confides in his mother, barely tolerates his sister, and wants to grow up to be just like his dad.
- The same Cub Scout who spurns his mom's casserole because he "hates food touching each other," will pig out on a dessert called Mud Pie with Worms, especially if the key ingredient is chocolate.
- A Webelos Scout on an overnight camp will keep you up half the night, burn all his food and eat yours instead, and track mud into your car, but will win your heart when you overhear him bragging that you are "the coolest Webelos leader ever."

A Scouter doesn't have to be crazy -but it helps!